

# Status of the Secondary Target

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# Primary target

**Task of the primary target:**  
production of slow  $\Xi^-$

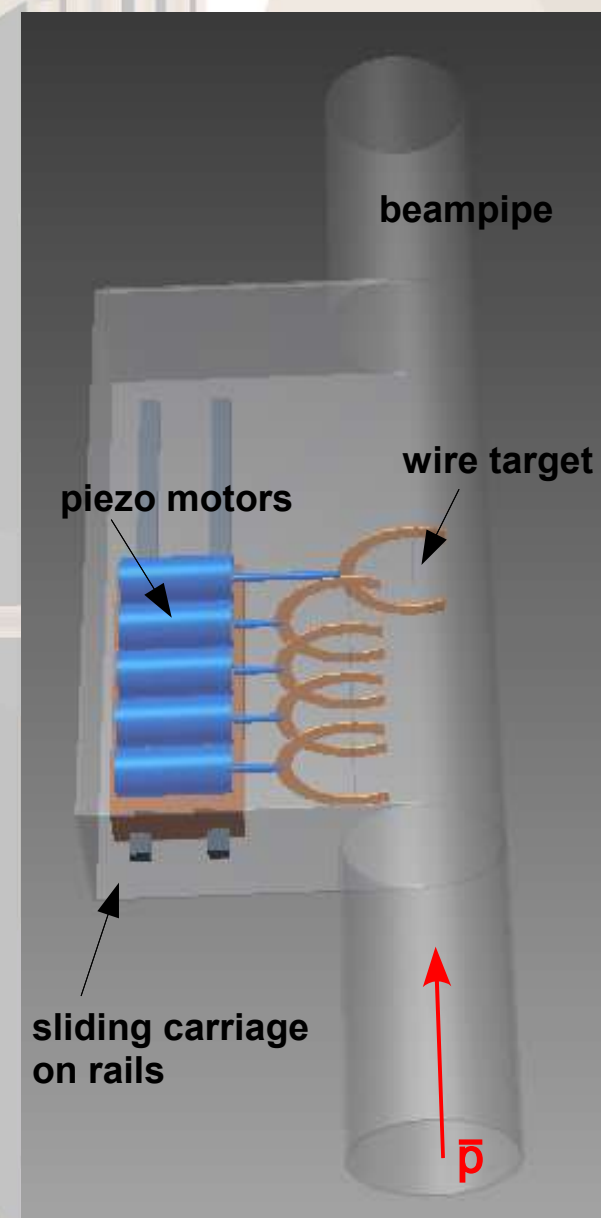
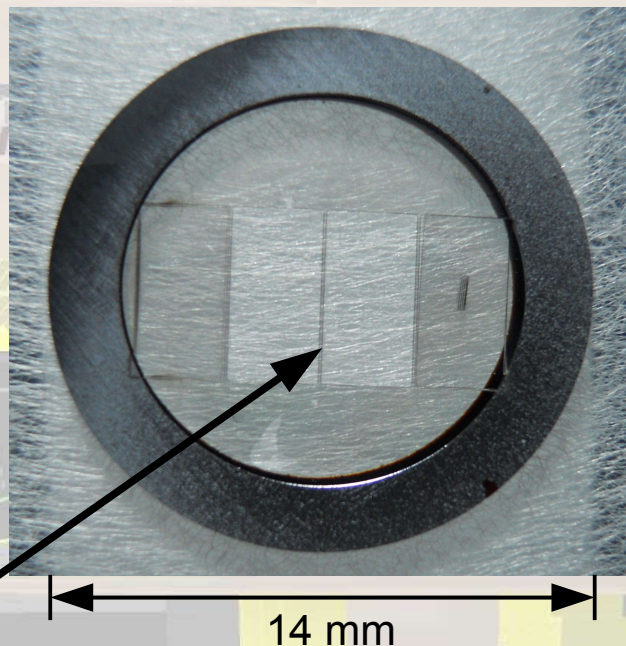
## Requirements:

- minimal hadronic background in backward direction
- constant luminosity of  $\bar{p}$ -beam  
 $\Rightarrow$  beam losses, mainly due to coulomb scattering, must be kept low

$\Rightarrow$   $^{12}\text{C}$  micro-wire target with thickness  $3\text{ }\mu\text{m}$ , width  $100\text{ }\mu\text{m}$

## Insertion to the beam:

- controlling interaction rates by moving target into beam halo
- easy replacement





# Piezo motor

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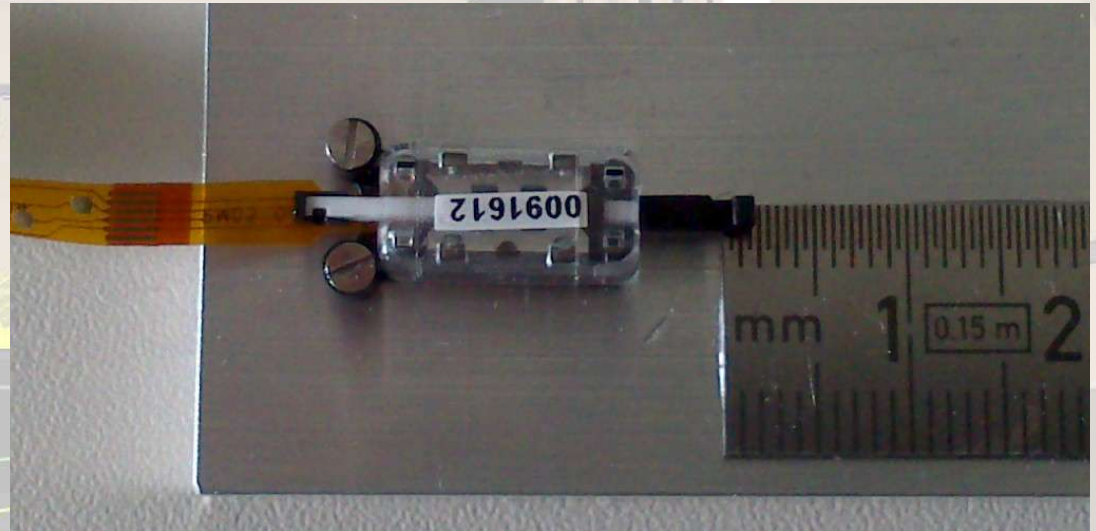
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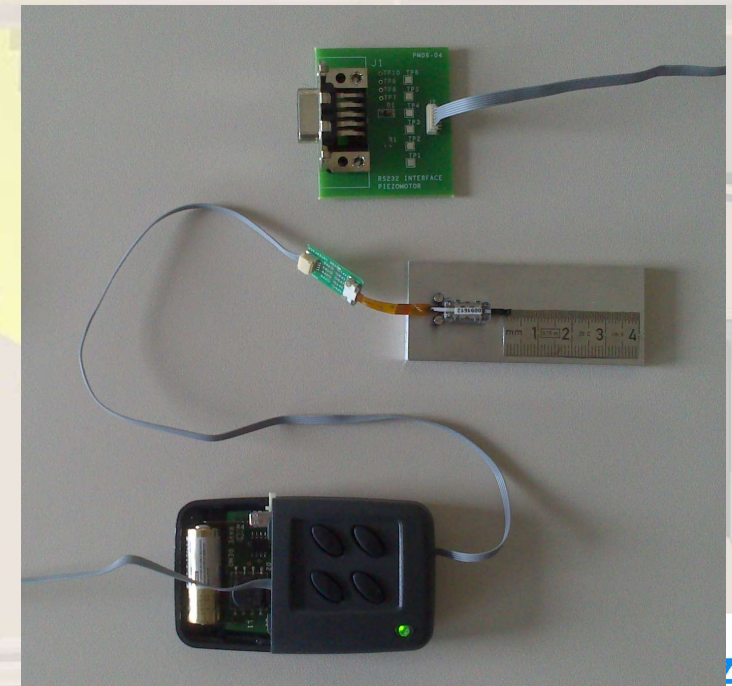
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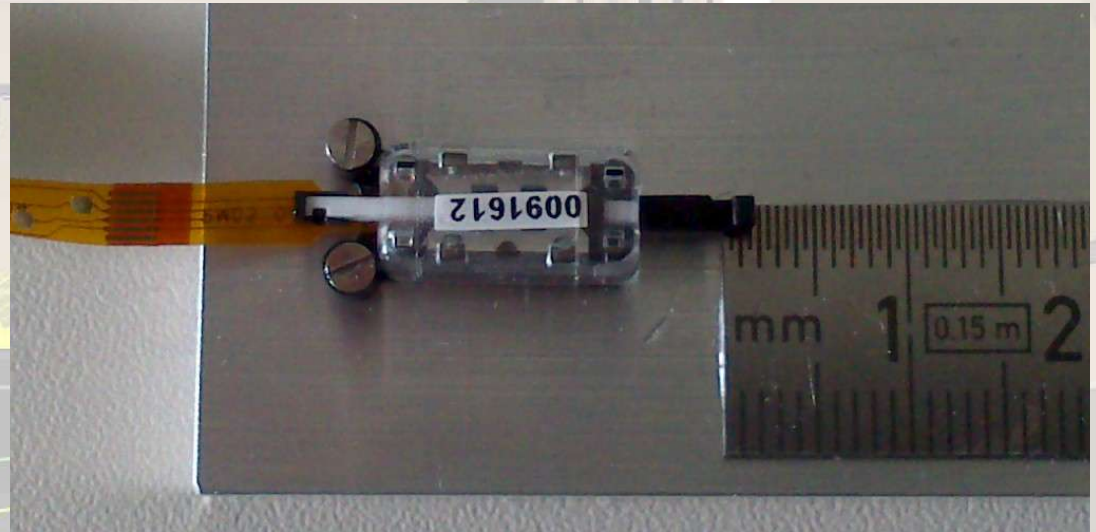
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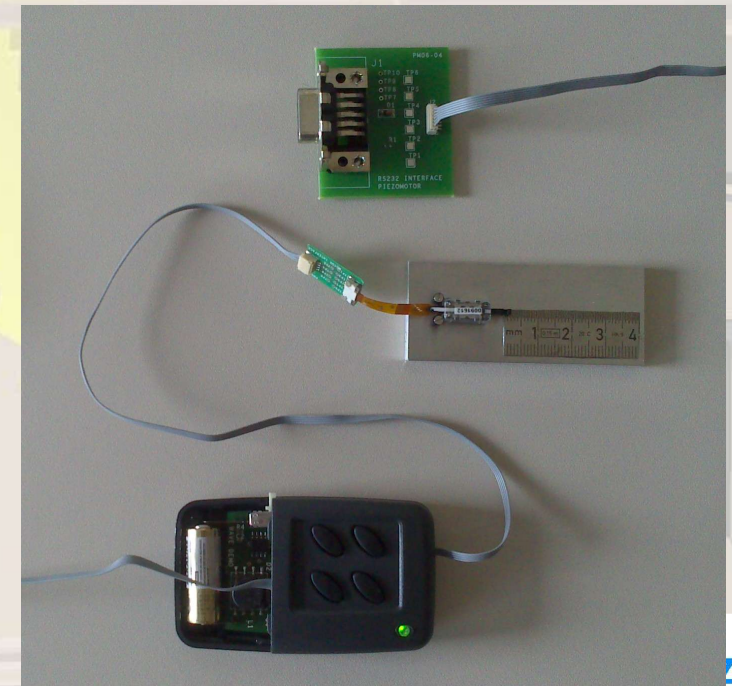
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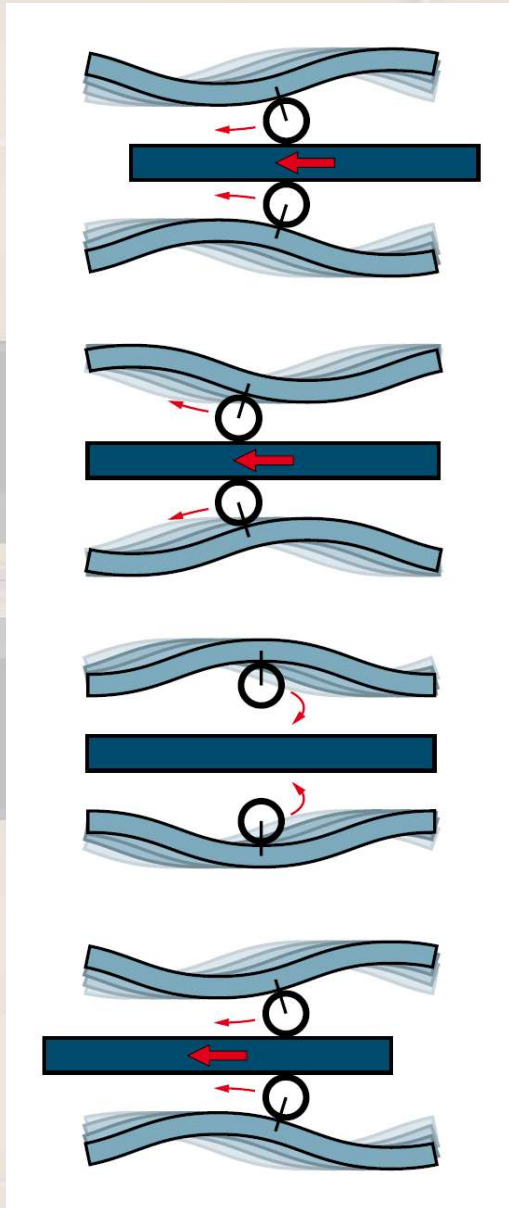
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# Piezo motor - principle

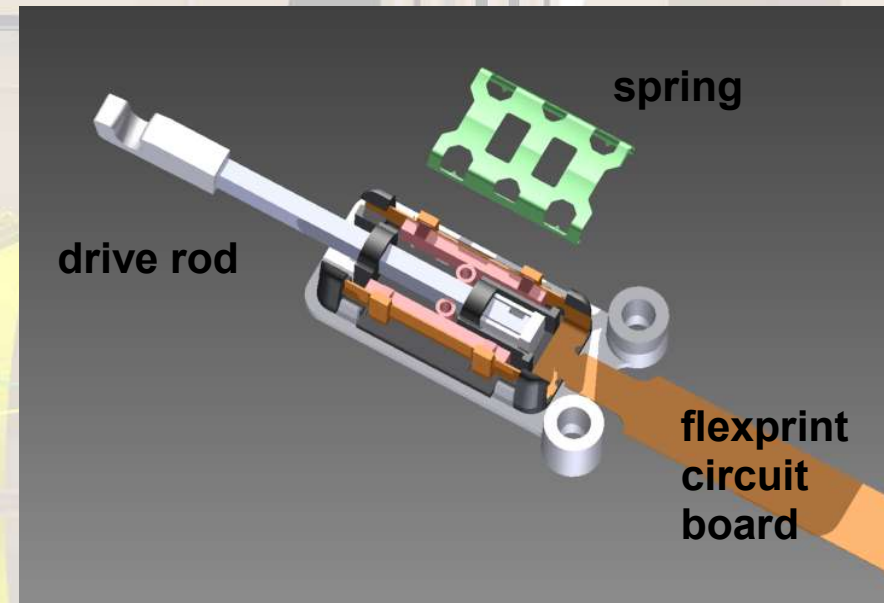


Two piezo ceramic elements with drive pads move when activated  
⇒ drive rod moves

End of first motion cycle

Repositioning

Next step

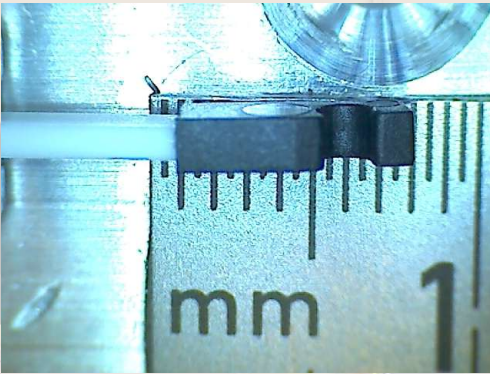


Motion is transferred by contact friction

- no power consumption in holding position
- determines the holding force
- drive rod slides at large impact force

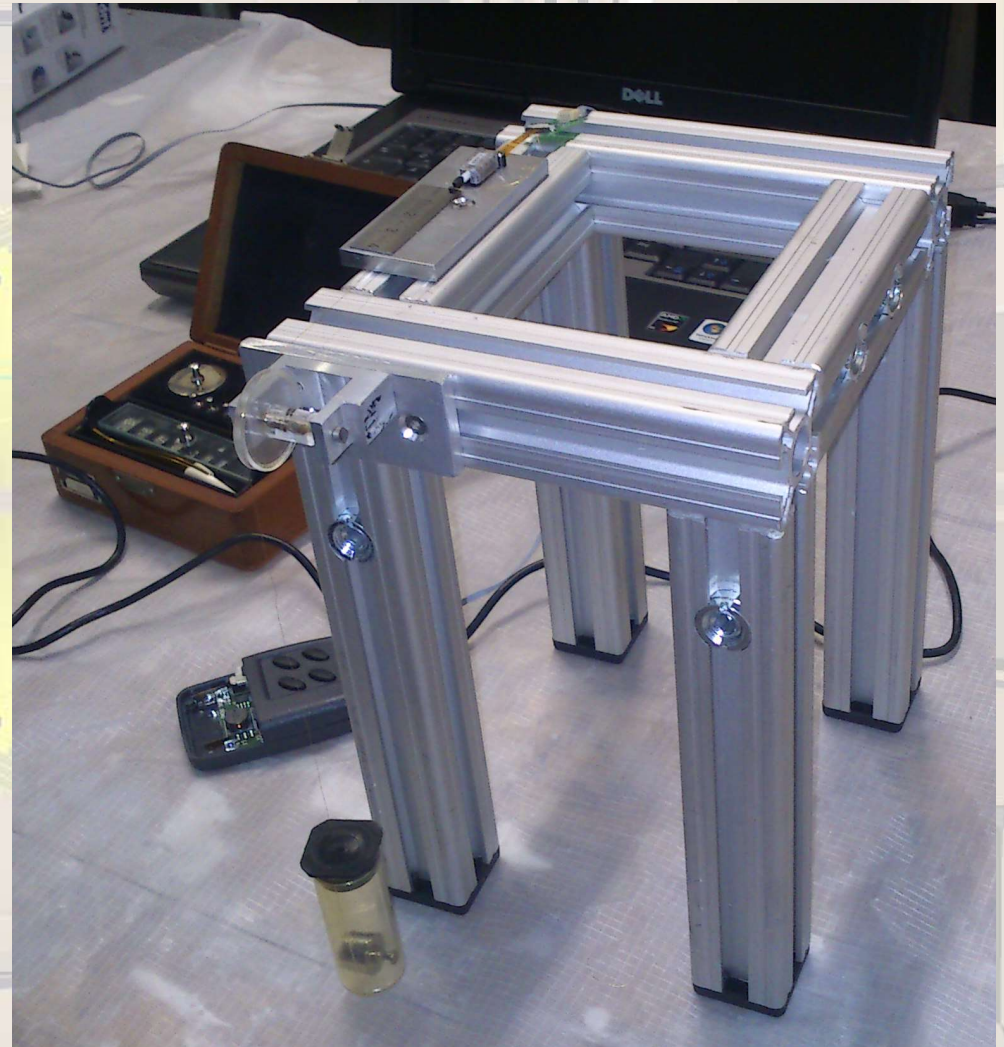
# Experimental tests

- Measurement of the average step size with the help of a microscope:



0.96  $\mu\text{m}$   $\rightarrow$  precise enough but differs

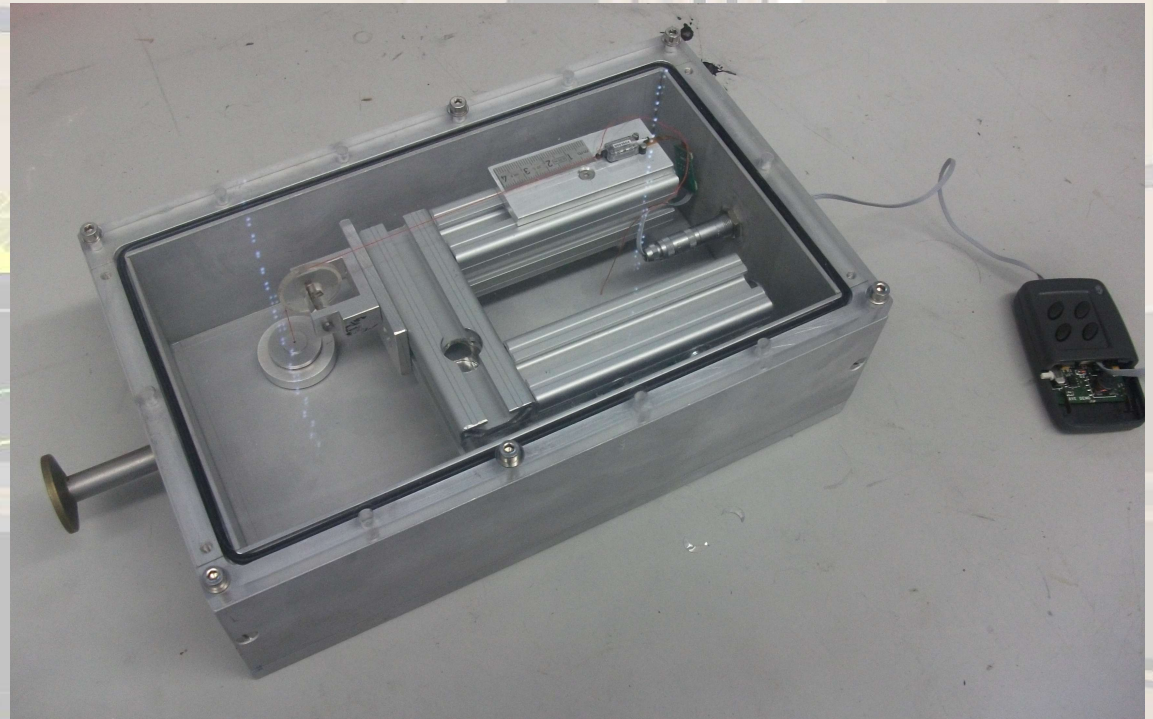
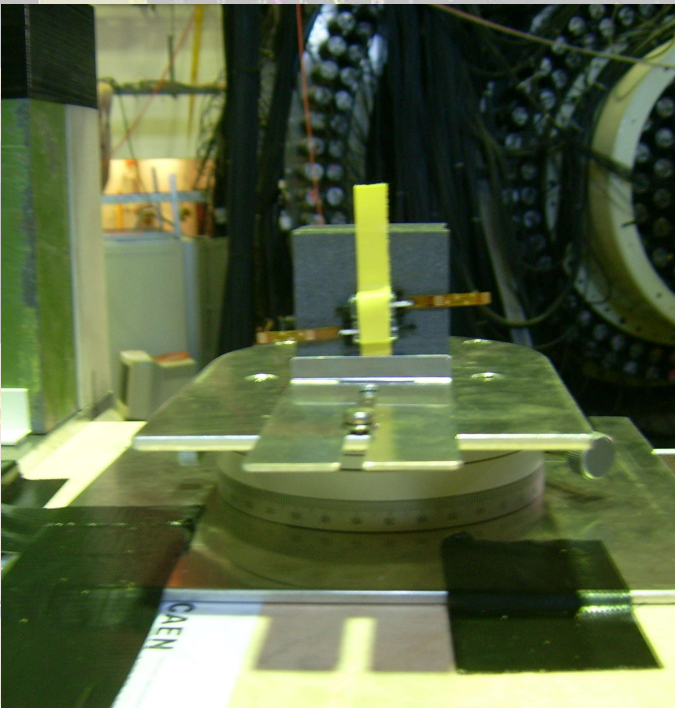
- Measurement of the forces with weights:  
dynamic force = 0.14 N  $\rightarrow$  sufficient  
holding force = 0.88 N
- Test in vacuum:  
proper running proved for some weeks
- Test in a magnetic field of 1.3 T:  
no influence discovered





# Experimental tests

- Combined measurement of the forces in vacuum with weights:  
dynamic force = 0.15 N  
holding force = 0.90 N
- Beam test at COSY in Jülich:  
no radiation damage discovered



## Conclusion:

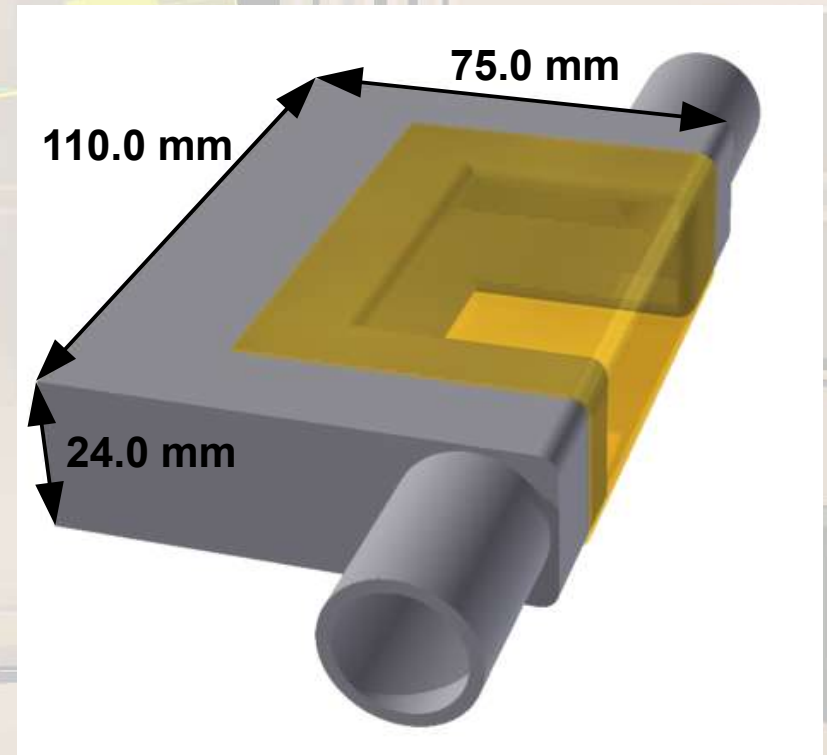
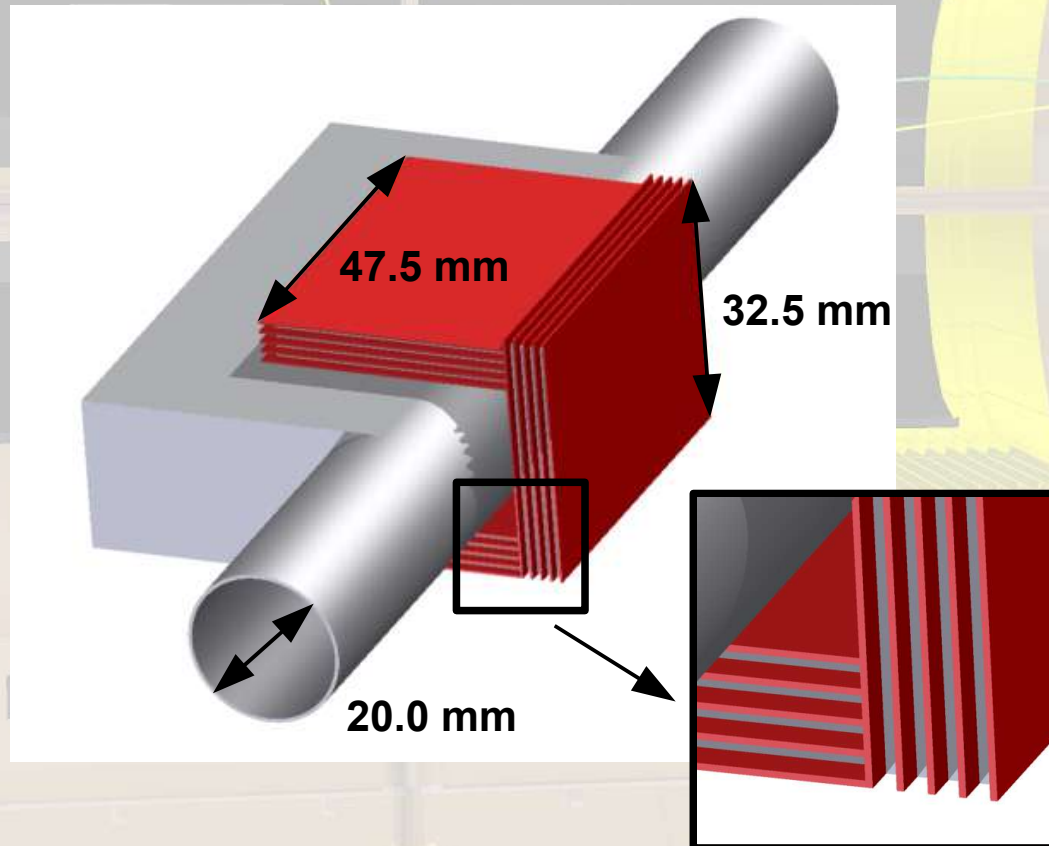
- Specifications of PiezoWave confirmed or better than declared
- Demands for the hypernuclear experiment fulfilled

# Design of the target system

Very short life time of  $\Xi^-$ :  $\tau = 0.164$  ns  $\Rightarrow$  compact structure essential

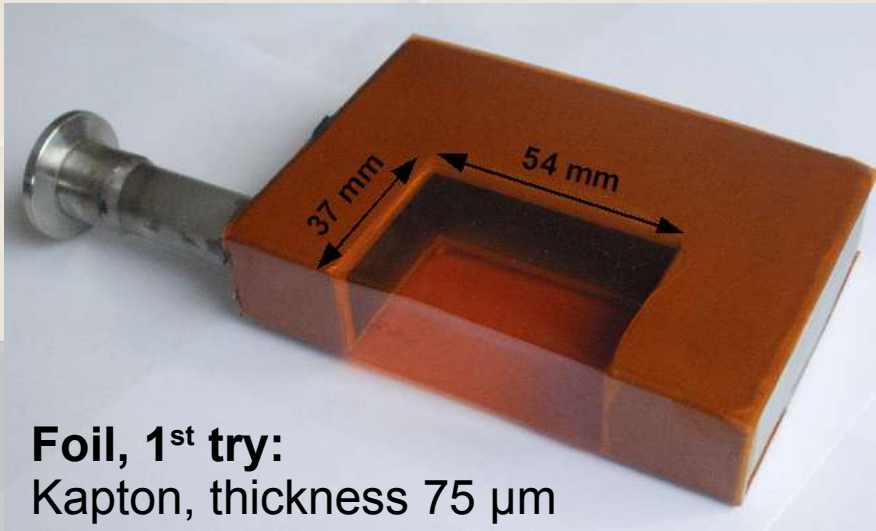
Arrangement of DSSD-absorber-assemblies  
directly around the target chamber and beampipe  
 $\rightarrow$  minimization of beampipe diameter

Minimization of material budget  
 $\rightarrow$  reduction of thickness

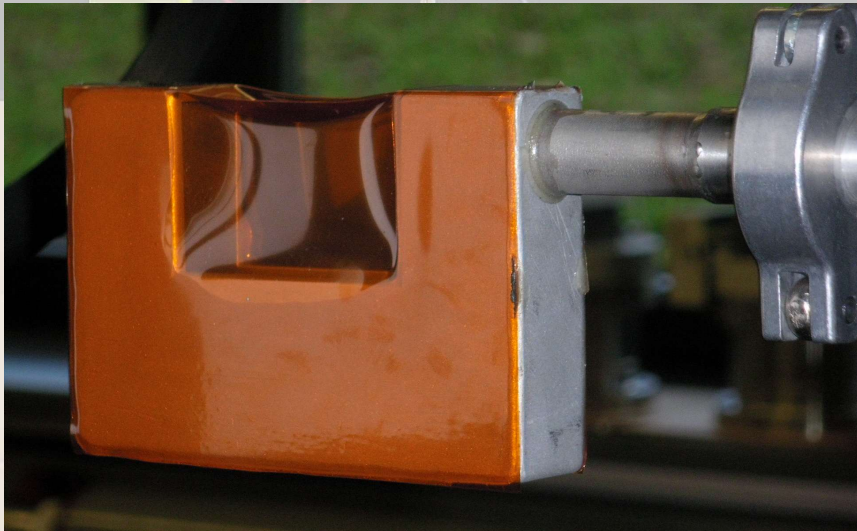




# Target chamber studies



**Stability tests in vacuum:**





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Brass, 200  $\mu\text{m}$



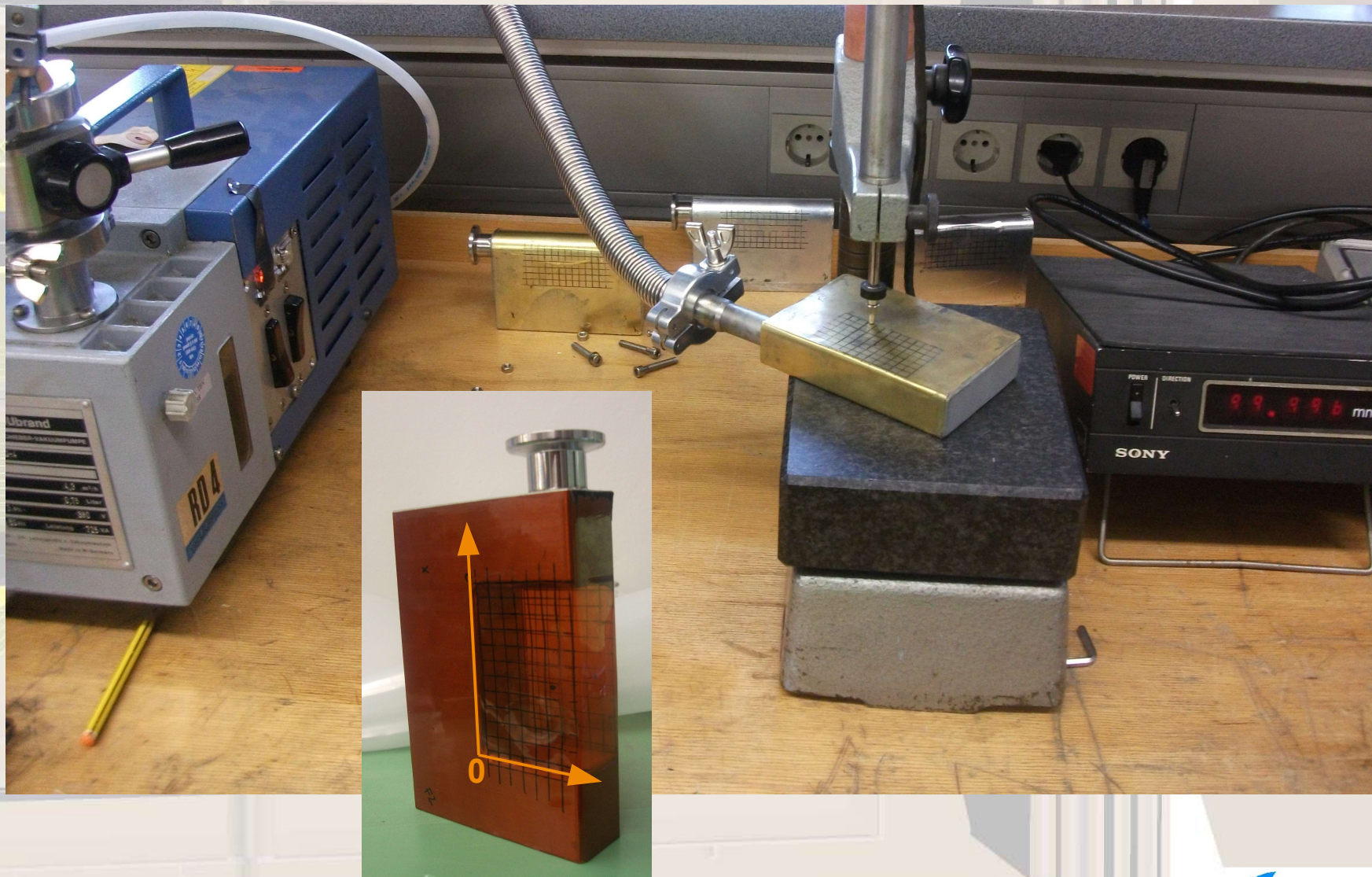
Titanium, 200  $\mu\text{m}$



Alloy AlMg3, 100  $\mu\text{m}$



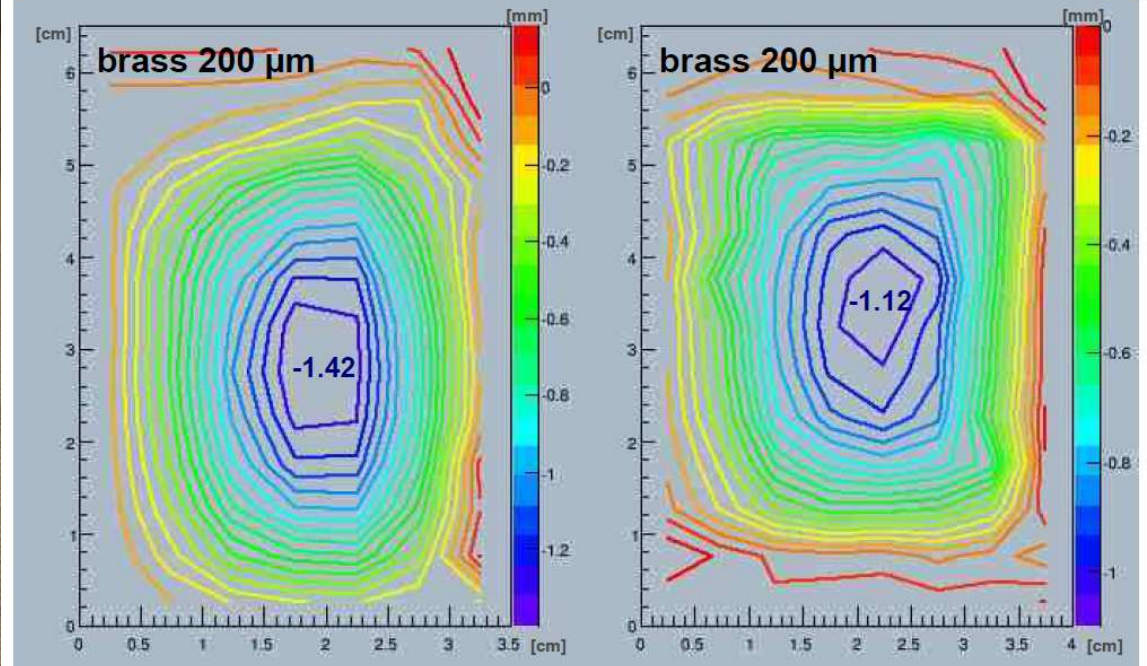
# Setup for measurements





# Target chamber measurements

Two shapes in comparison → bending smaller for rectangular shape










round shape


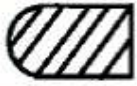


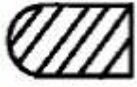
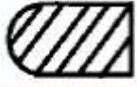

rectangular shape



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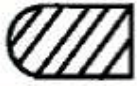


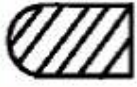


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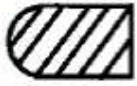


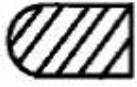


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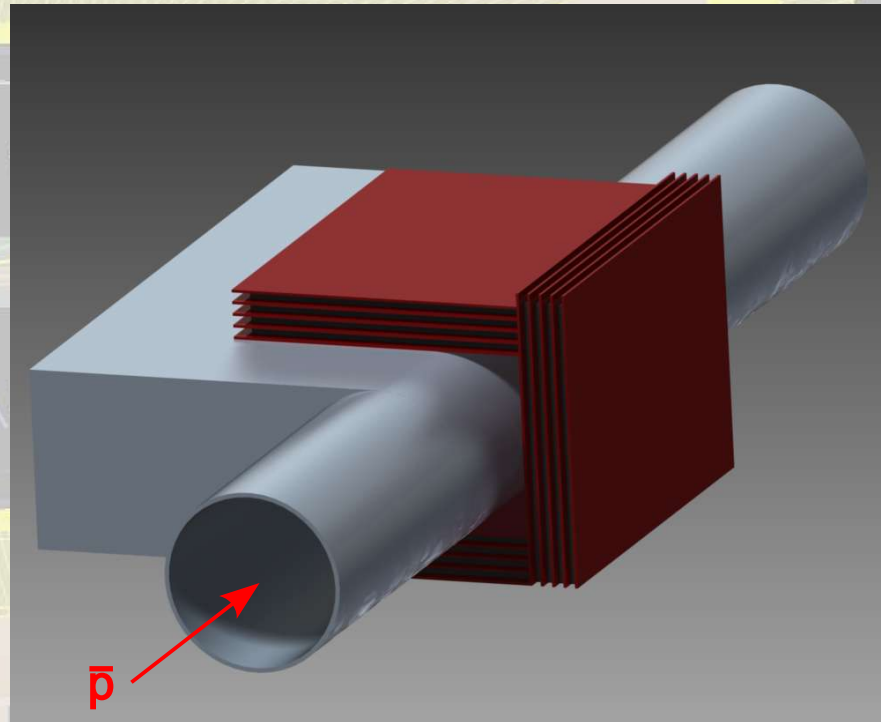
**Bending too strong**



# Design of the secondary target

## Requirements for the secondary target

- adjusted to stop time and life time of  $\Xi^-$  ( $\tau = 0.164$  ns) as well as geometry  
⇒ compact structure without gaps ( $t_{\text{stop}} \approx 0.06$  ns)
- tracking of  $\Xi^-$  and the decay products of  $\Lambda$ - $\Lambda$ -hypernuclei  
⇒ alternating layers of Si strip detectors and absorber material



**red:**

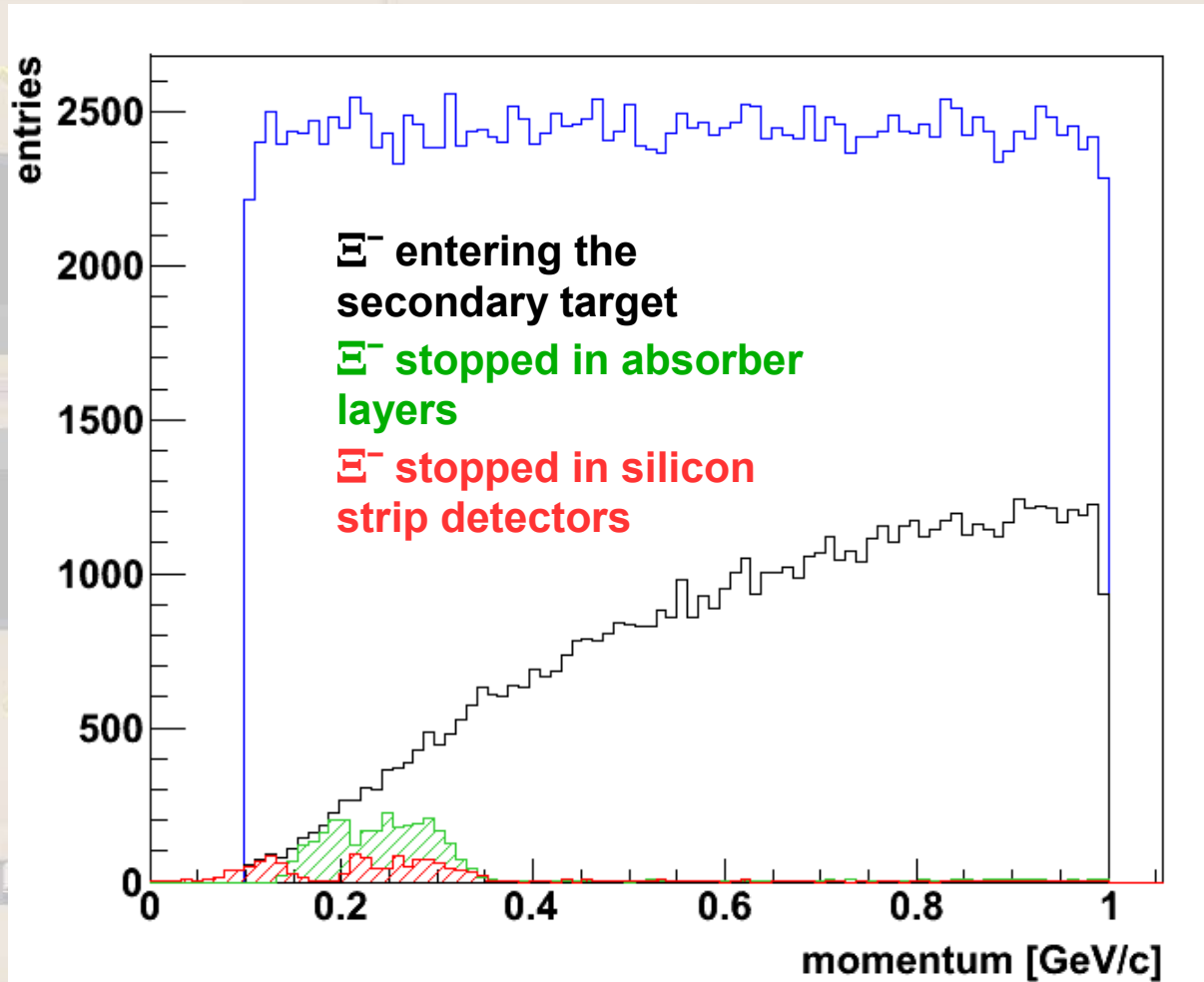
5 layers of double sided silicon strip detectors (thickness 300  $\mu\text{m}$ ) in each block

**gray:**

4 layers of absorbers (thickness 1 mm) different for each block ( $^9\text{Be}$ ,  $^{10,11}\text{B}$  or  $^{12,13}\text{C}$ )

# Stopping of $\Xi^-$

Simulation of 200,000  $\Xi^-$  in the uniform momentum range from 0.1 to 1.0 GeV/c by the box generator



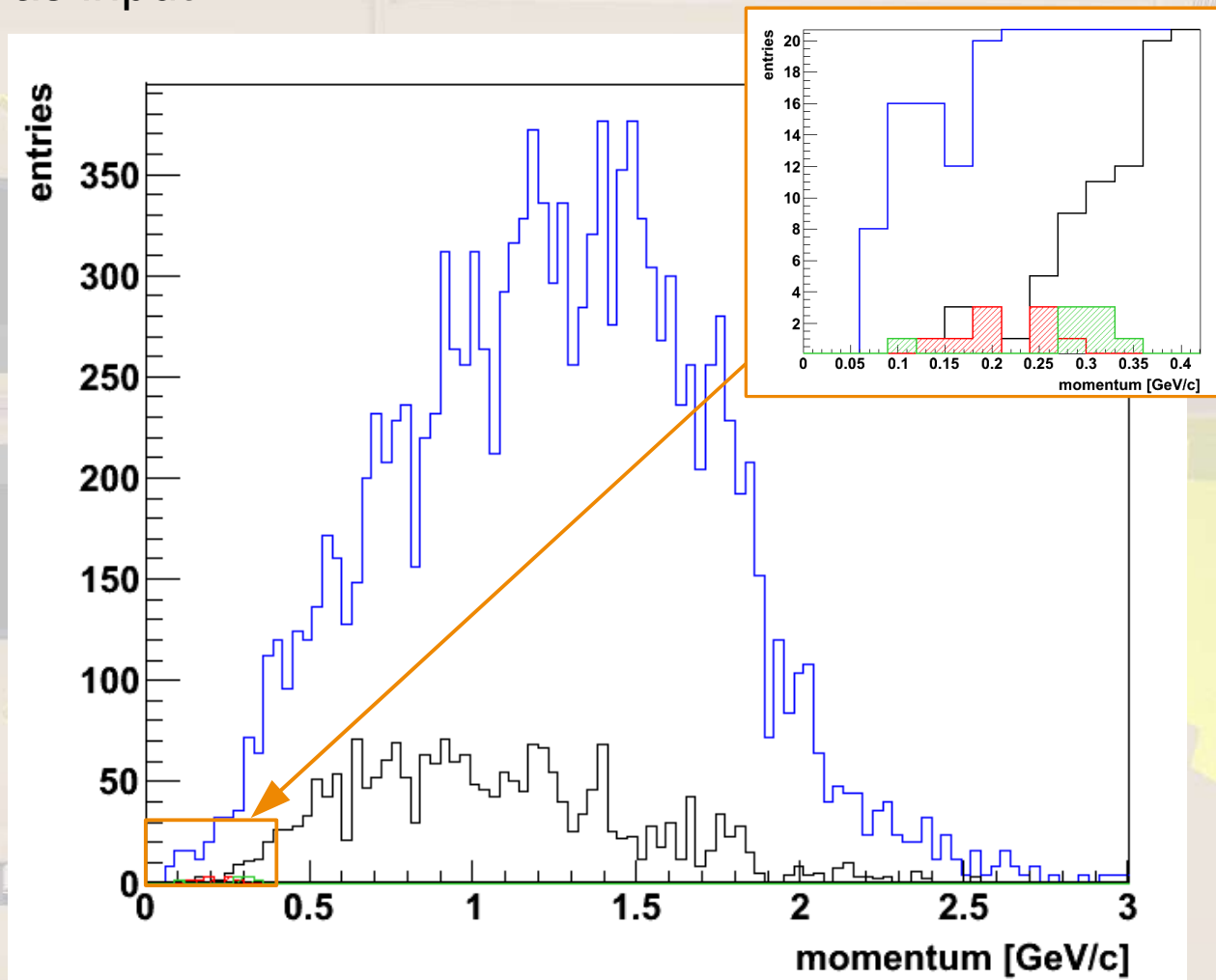
Momentum distribution at the vertex and of stopped  $\Xi^-$  at the entrance of the secondary target

→ Only  $\Xi^-$  in the momentum range from 0.1 to 0.4 GeV/c can be stopped



# Stopping of $\Xi^-$

$\Xi^-$  out of GiBUU simulations with  $\bar{p}$  on  $^{12}_6\text{C}$  at 3 GeV/c as input



Momentum distribution of  $\Xi^-$  from GiBUU simulations and their results after stopping in the secondary target

→ 0.07% of the generated  $\Xi^-$  are stopped in beryllium

# Detection of $\Xi^-$

Plan so far:

detection of  $\Xi^-$  by energyloss in silicon strip detectors

Idea now:

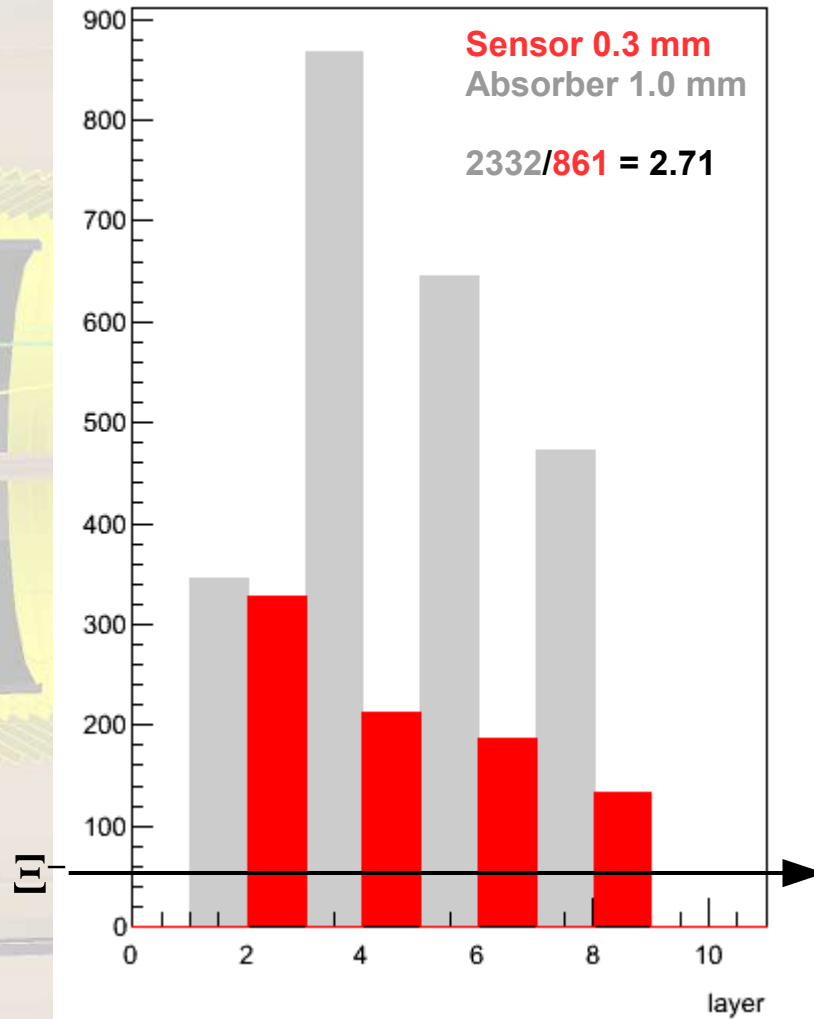
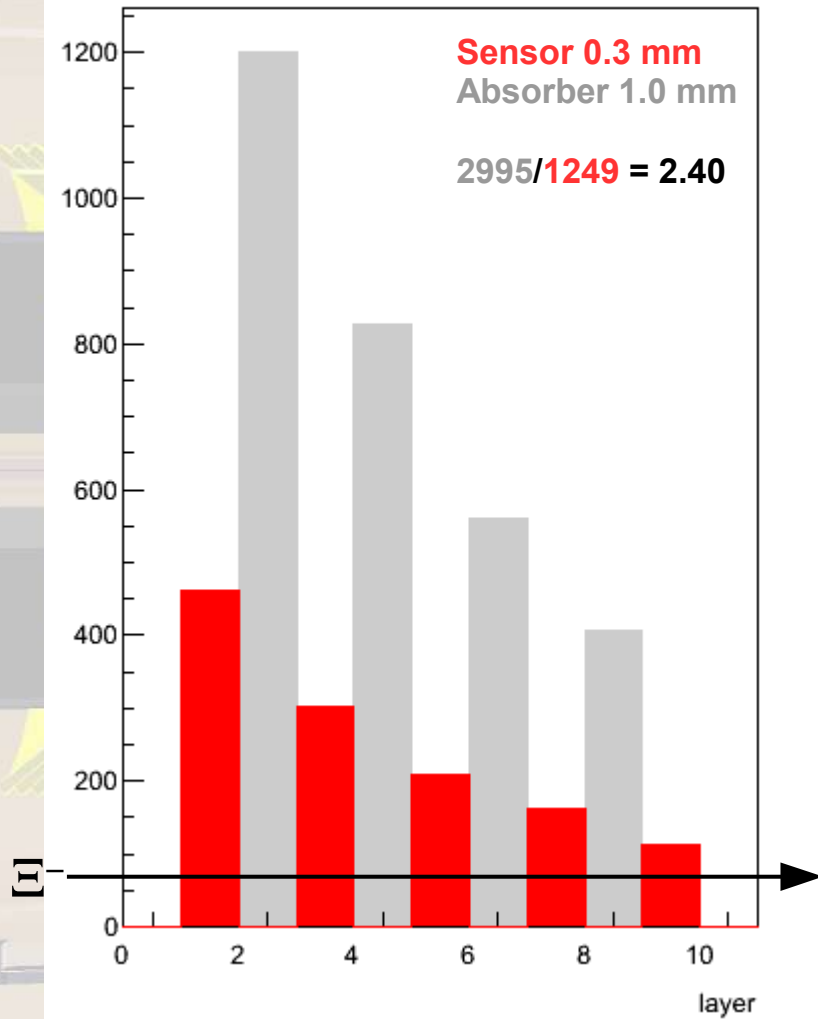
look inside the  $\Xi^-$  events of GiBUU calculations to see if these have a certain signature that can be used for the identification

Possible advantages:

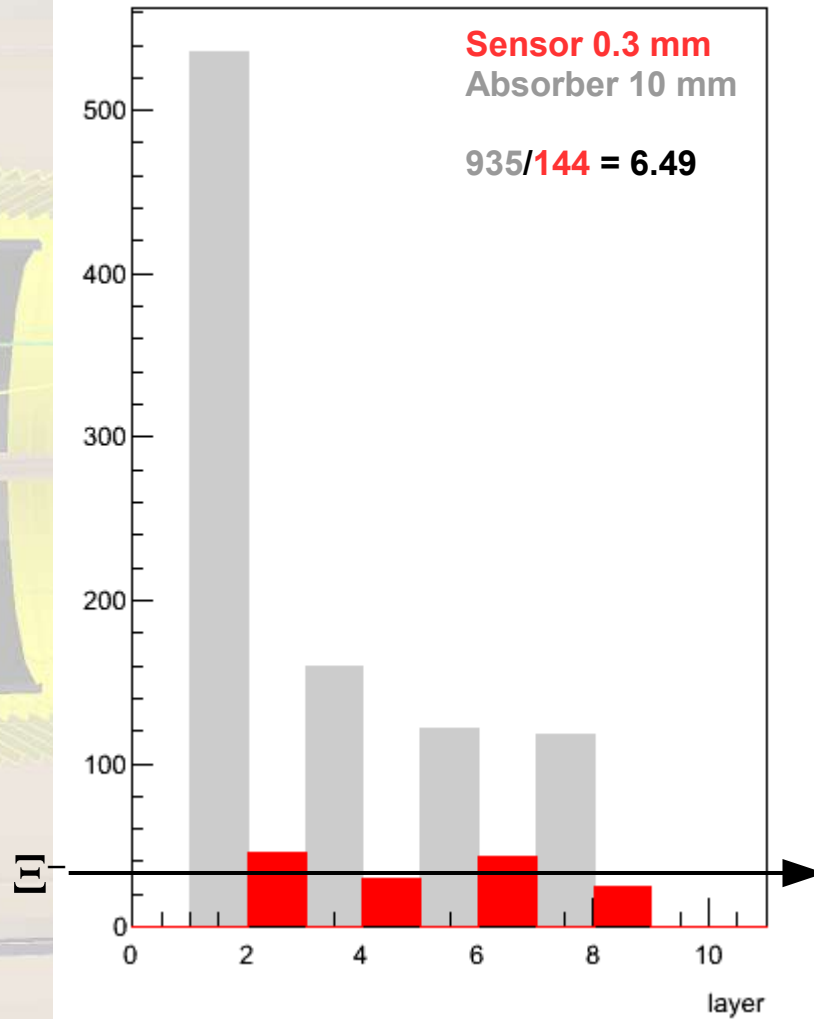
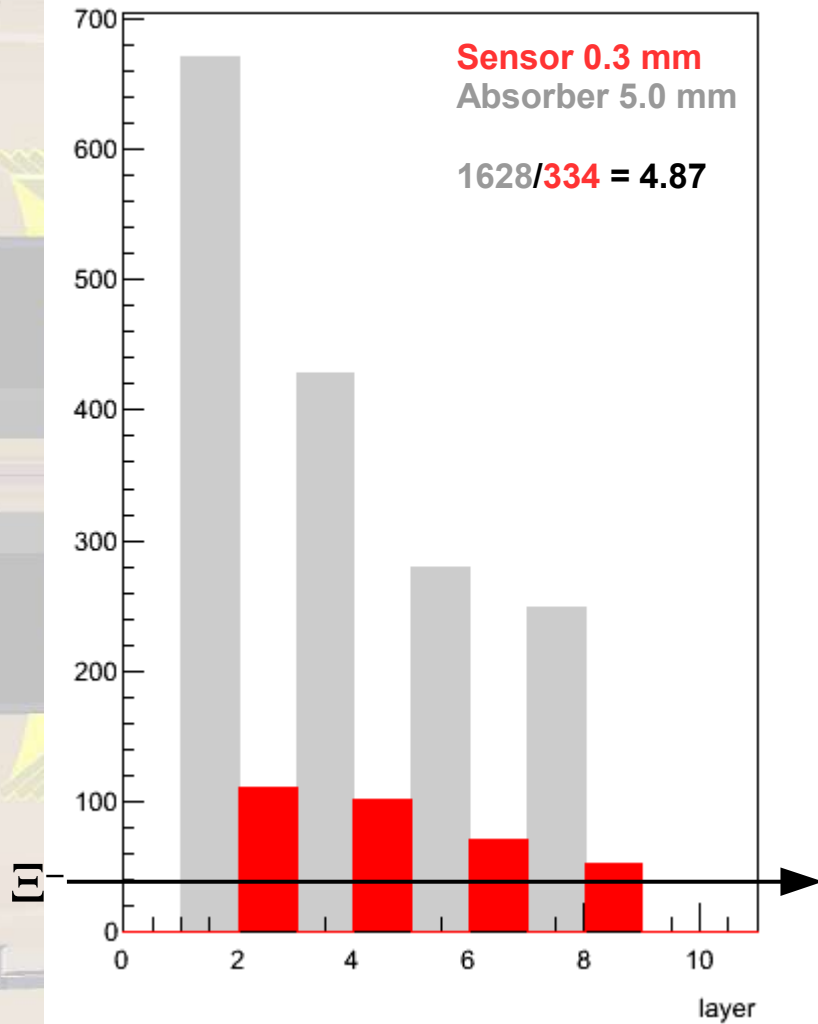
- No need to start with a sensor layer but with an absorber
  - Broadening of this absorber to stop more  $\Xi^-$
  - Separation of the stopping of  $\Xi^-$  and the tracking of pions optimized only for this task
- ⇒ Easier mechanical integration



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# Outlook

- ongoing GiBUU simulations
- look at events with  $\Xi^-$
- study the arrangement and thickness of the layers in case of the stopping of  $\Xi^-$  and the pion tracking (use the stopping points of  $\Xi^-$  as starting point for pions)